



Pettistree People

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Parish Council News



The effectiveness of this newsletter has been demonstrated by the encouraging response to my comments in the May issue that we needed more parish councillors. Three excellent candidates put their names forward for the two vacancies on the Parish Council. This led to the unusual situation of having a vote in a Parish Council meeting to decide which of the two candidates should be co-opted. The successful candidates were Mrs Elaine Boardley and Mrs Mary Chilvers. We welcome them and look forward to their input to the management of village affairs. Brief profiles will appear else-

where in this issue.

Other good news is that the new seat beside the church gate close to the Greyhound has been installed to replace the old jubilee seat that was beyond repair. The new seat has been donated by the Holland family (Rita, Dudley, Nigel and Janet) in memory of their parents Gordon and Florence who lived at Grove Farm and contributed a great deal to village life. More information will be given when the seat is formally dedicated.

There is continuing uncertainty about the shape of the new local government structure for Suffolk. We will not know until the end of the year whether we shall still have district councils or a county council. The one thing that is fairly certain is that parish councils will continue and may be given more authority (although that will come with more work and responsibility).

In the last issue I outlined the police arrangements for Safer Neighbourhood Teams. This has changed yet again and we are now in a much bigger group that includes Woodbridge and Wickham Market areas. PC Thompson will be explaining how this will work in the next issue. There had been only one crime reported in Pettistree this year by our last meeting.

The rather wet and occasionally warm summer has brought profuse growth of

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our field, garden and roadside hedges. I am pleased to say that Simon Blowers has again agreed to cut hedges around the village with his tractor, probably near the end of this month. I will again co-ordinate this so please would property and land owners contact me to confirm that they would like their hedges cut. You will be billed individually by the contractor according to how long your hedge cutting takes.

There are continued concerns about the state of the footpath and the speed of traffic along the B1438 from the A12 slip road to Wickham Market. Parish Councillors will be meeting representatives of the Highways Department to try to obtain improvements that will make villagers safer, especially on foot or bicycle.

I hope that by the next issue I shall be able to report that we have a new parish clerk, but until then please contact a parish councillor direct if you have any problems or information that the Parish Council should know about.

Changes at Hungarian Hall

Hungarian Hall is the home of Anglia Sporting Activities, an outdoor leisure pursuits centre which has been run by David and Steven Boardley for the past 20 years. Paintball was the first activity introduced, played in woodland adjoining Hungarian Hall to help with the farms diversification program, in the early 80s. From there it grew to a very successful multi-activity centre, entertaining people from 8 years old to 80 years old and employing up to 25 part-time staff at peak times.

After several months of research David and Steven decided to scale down the leisure business and concentrate on the development of a wedding venue at Hungarian Hall to run hand in hand with their marquee hire company. The area where the rally karts operated was cleared of over 1200 tyres and has now been landscaped with trees and shrub borders to make a calming backdrop for the elegant wedding marquee. Secluded by more mature trees, the marquee offers space for up to 200 guests inside with the benefit of them being the only people using the venue and the grounds at that time, or allowing those that do not have room in their own garden for a marquee, the chance to have a stunning venue for their special day.

The buildings which formed the clubroom and reception for the activities have been completely refurbished, with the help of a local builder and interior designer, to give a more relaxed atmosphere suitable for the occasion. A licence has been granted to hold civil wedding ceremonies which will allow couples to have their complete celebration in the quiet of the Suffolk country side. The first wedding reception for 120 guests was held in July for Nick and Rebecca from Felixstowe.

Sophie Franklin

Sophie's ambition has been to keep up with her brother James, and sister Amy and graduate with an honours degree.

After three years at Oxford Brookes University studying Public Health Nutrition, Sophie has graduated with a Division 1 Second Class honours degree.

Sophie who lives at Scott's Hall is now working for Suffolk County Council in Environmental Health.

Ann & Mike Sayer

Congratulations to Ann & Mike on their Silver Wedding Anniversary

Two new Parish Councillors

Elaine Boardley -

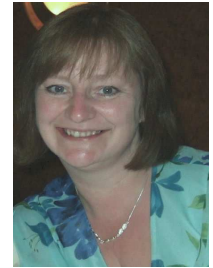
I was co-opted to Pettistree Parish Council on 29th July. I have never been a Parish Councillor before, but it is something I am looking forward to with a mixture of emotions, and I am hoping that it will enable me to be more involved in the village activities.

I have lived in Pettistree for almost 11 years, after meeting my husband Steven in early 1997. Some of you may recognise me from a few of the village events, and indeed as part of the team that recently won the 2008 Pettistree Pub Games, and the winning trophy is now proudly sitting on our dining room sideboard.

I am a qualified accountant, a member of ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants), and an elected panel member of the Suffolk Members' Network.

I've worked in a variety of roles and organisations over the years but in 2002 I joined the East of England Co-operative Society (formally Ipswich and Norwich Co-op), as Corporate Accountant. I have a shared responsibility for a large team of staff, and my own responsibilities include taxation and capital expenditure.

On a personal note, I am a life long learner, and love nothing more than to be able to learn something new, and the more recent attempts have been Latin and Ballroom Dancing (I was terrible), learning to play the Piano (I got to grade 5, so not too bad) and Mathematics, which may surprise a few because everyone assumes that Accountants are good at Maths (I can assure you this is not so). This year I think I may try learning Spanish. I love to sing when the opportunity arises, and although not currently a member, I have been a member of several choirs over the years.

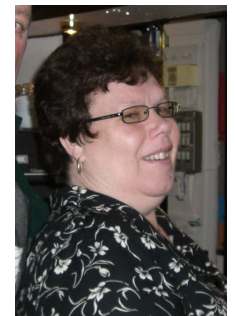


Mary Chilvers

I have lived in Suffolk all my life, spending my childhood and early adult life in Campsea Ashe.

On leaving school I found work in Woodbridge, then needing a change, I applied for a job at St Audry's Hospital, working my way up to domestic supervisor, only leaving when it closed. Still interested in the caring of people I now work for Suffolk County Council as one of their many carers, driving miles around the local area helping people to care for themselves in their own homes. I still help out part time by working behind the bar at the St Audry's Club, which I enjoy.

I have always been interested in village life and was on various committees and Vice-Chairman on the Parish Council while living in Campsea Ashe.



Jemima Crofts

We congratulate Charlotte and David on the safe arrival of Jemima who was born at home in Pettistree on the 7th March 2008 the third child for Charlotte and David Crofts.

She arrived two hours too late to have the same birthday as her brother Hugh who was born at home in Pettistree two years previously.

Charlie, Hugh and Jemima make up a lovely family and we hope they grow up happily in Pettistree.

How Does Your Garden Grow? by Dave Caudwell

During May and June Cath and I enjoy visiting ‘Open Gardens’. Suffolk people seem particularly good at organising such events and yet Pettistree and Loudham have never ventured into this form of community activity. Having lived in the village for over 12 years now I am aware of many pretty, interesting, eye-catching and ‘lost’ or ‘hidden’ gardens.

As a community fundraising project why shouldn’t we have a go? Gardens don’t have to be large or professionally landscaped. Some of the best gardens we have seen have been small and created by enthusiastic owners.

I have discussed my proposal to organise an event with members of the Village Hall Management Committee and the Parochial Church Council. Everyone felt it was a good idea, a way of raising funds for both organisations and a way of demonstrating community spirit.

Having gained support in principal I needed to see what actual backing I would get. At the time of writing this article (end of July) I have managed to convince ten garden owners to join with Cath and me in opening our gardens next year.

It would be good to have more – there is no limit. If you think you might be willing to join us then give me a call on 01728 747170, or email me on roguescottage@tiscali.co.uk and I will explain in a bit more detail. The key points are:

- Date: Saturday & Sunday, 27 & 28th June 2009
- Number of venues: 11 & growing (hopefully)
- Size of garden: window box upwards
- Type of garden: anything goes
- Refreshments: yes
- Car parking: will be arranged
- Signage & advertising: will be arranged
- Beneficiaries: Church & Village Hall

I am conscious that people may be concerned about security issues. I propose to arrange meetings to address this and all other issues, starting in the autumn.

Someone suggested that we should organise a flower festival in the church as well. This and any other suggestions are welcome. If you don’t feel you want to include your garden but wish to be involved please contact me. We will need lots of help setting up and on the day, both generally around the village and in particular in people’s gardens.

100 Club

May	1st Steve Wassell	2nd Jervis Kay	3rd Molly Incoll
June	1st Mr Jackson	2nd Hannah Signy	3rd Mrs Whiting
July	1st Candy Wells	2nd Gill Johnson	3rd Val Pizzey
August	1st Chris Garner	2nd Steve Boardley	3rd Rita Smith

News from St Peter & St Paul Pettistree

Open Churches Week

Suffolk Churches again held an Open Week in July when it was possible to visit over 350 churches in the County. (Some churches are not only locked but the whereabouts of the key is a closely guarded secret) Joan Jordan and Barbara Perkins masterminded the staging and manning of two displays relevant to the village and church, gleaned work from the village archives done by the Heritage Trust.

We had several visitors who were all very interested in the church building and the things on display, which this time included our copy of the Paraphrases of Erasmus which was published in 1548 and as far as we know will have been kept in Pettistree church since the reign of Queen Elizabeth 1. Also on display were some of the PCC Minute books covering the years after the 2nd world war, when the first entry deals with a proposal to install electricity to light the church. As the cost was a prohibitive £130.00 this was turned down at the time and electric light was not provided until some time in the late 1950's. The replacement of the solid-fuel heater by Infra-red heaters in 1962 is recorded, and then after some heart-searching due to the cost (£81.00) the organ was also converted to have an electric blower. Before this there was a rota for organ-pumping, (the handle for maintaining a sufficient supply of wind for the organ is behind it!) In 1960 it was agreed that the "young person" responsible for manning the organ blower should be paid 2 shillings a Sunday. Presumably they were able to read a book or doodle when not pumping, as they were well out of sight! The handle is still there, and was used around 20 years ago when the village suffered a power-cut one Sunday morning.

Thanks are expressed to those who welcomed and offered drinks to our visitors during the Open week, sadly we were not 'rushed off our feet' but those who did come were very pleased to be greeted so warmly, and were very complimentary about the church and exhibition.

At the last PCC meeting the locking of the church was discussed and it was decided that the church will continue to be kept locked during the week, but that everyone should be aware that the key can easily be obtained. There is a list of key-holders on the church notice-board and this now also includes The Greyhound as Paul & Margaret have kindly offered to help in this way.

Clive Paine

Those of us who heard Clive Paine's enthusiastic romp through the centuries as he enlightened us about the hidden history of churches and Pettistree church in particular, finished the evening with information overload! Luckily Jeff Hallett captured the majority of his talk on an 'ipod' and it will be available for further study later in the year. It was a fairly cool evening unfortunately, but the rain showers surrounding the area missed Pettistree entirely, and we were able to enjoy refreshments outside the church at half-time. Having learnt about the recycling of redundant Norman features into the repair or alteration of later flint walls, we are now looking with care at all flint walls in the area! There is obviously more to be learnt about the history of the Parish church and its place in the social history of the village, and it is



hoped that a new updated booklet can be produced within the next few years.

Clive gives his time free and 50% of the entrance donations go to the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust with the rest (over £175 after expenses) to our own church's fabric fund. Many thanks to all those who helped to organise the refreshments, and those who cleaned and decorated the church before the event.

Pettistree Heritage AGM

The AGM for Pettistree Heritage was held on Saturday 14 th June in the Greyhound at 5.15pm.

Joan Peck, the chairman welcomed several visitors to the proceedings.

We were all very pleased to be meeting in the newly reopened Greyhound. Margaret and Paul Whayman were not only kind enough to provide the venue for the meeting but also gave us tea and coffee!. We thank them for their hospitality.

Last year the AGM was held by the canal at the foot of the Mount by kind permission of Dick and Rita Smith. We can only count our blessings that we have such lovely landscape and facilities in this village. Pettistree is full of historical interest and we are indebted to Joan Peck, the local recorder and chair of Pettistree Heritage in working so hard to research and document so much information. Both venues provided relevant backdrops to the work of the heritage group and exhibitions recording the history of the Mount and the Greyhound were put on display on both occasions. A roofing tile with an imprint of a dog's paw was found during the renovation of the Greyhound. Dick Smith said this was very likely to be greyhound paw mark and maybe the reason for the name of the pub.

There had been much local involvement with the Greyhound as it's demise seemed inevitable. However several residents and the parish council did much to secure it's survival and future as a going concern. We are all relieved and delighted with the outcome. Margaret and Paul Whayman have definitely put Pettistree on the gastronomic map and the pub is now a 'hotspot' not only on the village scene but for the area generally.

Change of name.

You will notice that the group has changed it's name. This was necessary for banking purposes. The word "Trust" remains now only in the logo.

Cataloguing and Oral Recording

The group have been very active during the past year videoing, sound recording and cataloguing events and personalities of local interest.

840 documents on the history of the houses and families in Pettistree cum Loudham from the archive have already been catalogued onto a database which will allow for more efficient access to information. This is probably about half the task.

The sound recordings are valuable additions to the oral history archive and give a vivid picture of life in Pettistree and the surrounds not only now but in the past.

We are all aware of the changing face of Suffolk. All these records are essential in the provision of historical evidence for future generations.

Family history

Joan Peck also receives enquiries from people researching their family trees. Some of these come through the website and people often stay in touch.

Photographic survey.

In 2000 a photographic record was made of all the houses and occupants in Pettistree with Loudham. It is intended to undertake another survey in 2010 as many changes have taken place.

Events.

In July 2007 we played host to a group from the Suffolk Institute of Archaeology and History led by Edward Martin and Clive Paine who visited the church and the Mount.

Last November as the main fund raising effort, many enjoyed a memorable evening in the village hall with Charlie Haylock. He entertained us with History and Humour which was unforgettable. We laughed until we cried!

This year on **November 14 th**, we look forward to an evening with Peter Driver presenting ‘A Grave Business’ in the village hall at 7.30pm.

Friends

Joan highlighted the need for the group to attract ‘friends’ who could help with some projects. The committee were very pleased to welcome Mike Watts and Ann Sayer who attended the meeting and immediately volunteered to help.

Pettistree Heritage would like to thank all those who have provided support and information over the past year. Ray Whitehand, who was born in the village, and is always willing to find and collect information from the Record Office. Tony Prentice from Ufford who helped to translate and transcribe difficult old documents. Ann Pilgrim from Bredfield who has collaborated for years and last but not least John Speedman who audits the accounts.

Rosie Hayward Hon Sec

Forthcoming Heritage Event

November 14th 7.30pm.

Illustrated Talk by Peter Driver “A Grave Business”

“Old Country Village” Traditions Return to Pettistree

At the instigation of the new Landlord and his charming wife – Paul and Margaret Whayman The Greyhound Pub hosted an evening of fun and frolicking on a balmy (!) evening in July.



The pub was filled with laughter, jollity and good ale, as Morris Dancers from all over the region gathered outside the Greyhound together with a visiting band of folk dancers from Lithuania.

The “professionals” danced up and down the road beside the churchyard, the bright costumes lending a carnival air and their spirited “hoot” and “baton-banging” filled the summer evening.

Soon they had invited by-standers and village alike to join them and it was quickly obvious who had been to salsa classes and those who hadn’t! There was much humour and encouragement, not to mention the comments and clicking of cameras. At half time the visiting Lithuanian folk-dancers replaced the Morris men (and women and children) and gave a great display of their musical talent despite being dressed in “civvies”. There were some very interesting musical instruments being played too. Apparently there had also been some singing earlier on – sadly missed by those of us who arrived later. During the evening a box of delicious salami – type sausage and bread, provided by the Lithuanian visitors, was handed round for us to enjoy, a kind and thoughtful gesture.

I’m sure we all look forward to more such entertaining evenings at the Greyhound and thank our hosts for their kind hospitality.

Cherry White

50 Golden Years



We met on Lowestoft sea front at the end of February 1954 Ted was 18 and I was 16. We have loved each other ever since,

Ted had to do his National Service commencing April 1954 and for the next two years was mostly stationed in Wuppertal, Germany, We saw each other every six months so our "courting" was done by letter—no mobile phones or emails in those days. We became engaged in February 1955 and were married in March 1958. A neighbour gave us some good advice — "moderation in all things" — we follow this to some extent but do laugh a lot!!

Two years later our daughter Denise was born and our son Damon was born in 1966, Denise is now married and lives in Stockton.,California, with her husband Matt and children, Haley and Tyler. Damon lives in Worlingworth and works for Phillip Westrope of Loudham.

We moved to Rendlesham in April 1971 when Ted got a job with Sir William Bunbury as a maintenance man. We spent almost three years there then we moved to Sutton Hoo Estate and Ted worked there for over 20 years. During this time the owner, Mrs Tranmer, sold the farm but kept the private estate and we moved to Hungarian Close, Pettistree. We have lived here for 33 happy years now.

We celebrated our Golden Wedding Anniversary with a party for our friends, neighbours and relations at Hungarian Hall. We both said a few words of thanks to everyone and Ted also said "Fifty years is a long time, with very few cross words, lots of Scrabble but very few Crosswords!" Instead of gifts we requested those who wished to, to give donations to The East Anglian Air Ambulance, who sent us a very nice thank you letter.

We have great neighbours and hope we will be residents of Pettistree for many more years to come.

Ellie and Ted Jarvis,



We regret we do not have space for a Wordsearch in this issue—Ed.

Your Village Hall

On behalf of the Village Hall Committee I would like to thank all of you who have supported the events organised throughout the year. These events raise funds to enable us to keep the hall in a good state of repair so that it is available for a range of uses by the community.

In the last year we have held the following events:-

- BBQ/Beetle Drive - September 07
- Burns Night - January 08
- Quiz Night - April 08
- Pub Games - May 08
- BBQ/Songs of Praise - June 08 (joint event with the PCC)

We hope you enjoyed those events and will continue to support the forthcoming events that are being arranged for the next year. Details of the events will be published on the Pettistree web site, Pettistree People, monthly Church Magazine and posters.

In addition to the fundraising events we also run the '100 Club'. For as little as £12 for the year, the 100 Clubbers have the chance of winning £20, £10 or £5 each and every month. If you haven't already got a 100 club number, please contact me.

The committee are keen to know what sort of events you would like us to organise, so if you have any good ideas please speak to one of the committee members listed below.

Another valuable source of income to help us maintain the hall is through hiring out the hall. The hall is available for hire at very good rates and as residents of Pettistree and Loudham you qualify for 25% discount off normal hire rates. If you are looking for a venue for a regular event or just a one-off occasion, please do think about your local village hall, you will not be disappointed.

If you have walked past the village hall in the past few weeks you may have noticed that some of our new windows have been broken by vandals. This is very disappointing, we have arranged for them to be replaced during September, lets all hope it doesn't happen again.

We look forward to signing up more people to join the 100 Club, we would welcome ideas on the type of event you would like to see organised and please think about hiring the hall for your own special occasion.

You can contact any one of the committee members:-

- Mike Manning - Chairman 01728 747321
- Jim Jarvie - Vice Chairman 01728 745030
- Pauline Jarvie - Booking Secretary 01728 745030
- Sheila Manning - Secretary 01728 747321
- Eric Dowker - Treasurer
- David Caudwell
- Clare Signy
- Maureen Stollery
- Brian Stollery
- Kath Hilton
- Jenny Ayris
- Rita Smith
- Katie Masood
- Kathy Wilton

Anyone wishing to join the Committee would be most welcome – please contact me.

Mike Manning

Wassell Family



Although born and bred and lived all our lives in Essex the move to Suffolk had for many years been “when” rather than if, certainly when we retired if not before and when we finally moved in 2000 our two daughters had growing families of their own so we were only looking for a home suitable for two. Thus we came to spend seven wonderful years in our “love at first sight” thatched cottage with it’s nearly 4 acres of terraced gardens, flower meadows and paddock, though we were well aware that this amount and type of land would eventually become more difficult to maintain and in 2007 we accepted that it was time to move to pastures new and level ground.

Since our retirement from the world of engineering & nursing, we have travelled to a variety of countries where we have both friends and relatives and travel is now an integral part of our lifestyle, the family often wryly remarking that we are away so much we really only need a 1 bed roomed semi as a bolt hole between our roving, no doubt we shall have to slow down one day but don’t count on it just yet.

Having only moved 20 miles it seems amazing that Pettistree was unknown to us, especially as we knew Wickham Market, Woodbridge, Fram’ and a number of the surrounding villages so it was indeed a lovely surprise to discover Amberley House in this lovely hamlet , a home that has clearly been filled with happiness & love and we knew that we would also be very happy there.

We are disappointed that we were unable to get to know Ned Hogg better that in the role of vendor, as he had been on our only meeting, when he was so courteous and welcoming on our first visit to Pettistree, sadly this proved not to be possible.

Even before we moved we were being invited to join in various village activities, Carols in the barn, Burns night, the “Pub” quiz and we have been absolutely thrilled and delighted at the friendly welcome from everyone in the village. The Greyhound, reputedly one of the oldest Inns in Suffolk, was re opened after our move, a real bonus as we had never before lived near a really good pub. Subsequently our participation in the Greyhound Folk evenings has been another plus and these occasions are now a regular established event in the Suffolk Folk calendar. Cheers to the Greyhound.

On the family front, our two daughters, Kim & Mandy, each with two children, are both married to farmers - one arable the other in pigs. There are four grandchildren, respectively Gemma & Sophie and Daisy & Sam. Gemma has recently qualified as a Doctor of Medicine, Sophie is soon off to Guildford to finish her degree in Performing Arts, whilst Daisy, set on becoming a Vet, is starting the run in to her GCSE’s and sport mad Sam is two years behind his sister. Both are absolutely wonderful families of whom we are immensely proud.

As for our hobbies and interests these have remained much the same over the years, Theatre, Music, Art, Tennis, Sport and Travel with long time favourite destinations being Italy and France, though recently a new found joy is a wonderful villa on Tobago which seems set to become a regular with us.

Steve & Gill Wassell

Tea at the Palace *by Jim & Pauline Jarvie*

A few weeks ago a very posh envelope dropped through the door which immediately we recognised as not being a final demand for the electricity. Through Jim's work we were invited by the Lord Chamberlain, to attend the Queen's Garden Party on 22 July 2008.

Up to a week before the big day, the 5 day weather forecast became the main topic of conversation, particularly when it was raining outside. Of course decisions had to be made as regards what to wear (Pauline not Jim). The instructions that came with the invite were very detailed about what could be worn, which included a hat for women.

The weather forecast confirmed the 22nd would be one of the hottest days of the year, so far, so at least we knew we did not have to look out a sou'wester and wellies only make sure we had enough sun cream.

As we left the house we had to ensure we had two lots of ID (passport and driving licences), the invite, and the programme of events. The train journey to Liverpool Street was really relaxing despite being "dressed up to the nines". The hat was discreetly hidden in a carrier bag. The underground was its usual self, really busy with everybody packed in like sardines.

We alighted at Hyde Park Corner and mingled amongst the foreign tourists and an increasing number of well dressed men and women all in possession of bulky, if not heavy, carrier bags. We were advised to enter the grounds of the Palace through one of the side gates and leave by the main entrance to avoid queuing. All of a sudden there was a plague of hats milling around the entrances and numerous empty carriers. Entering the gardens was surprisingly painless and before we knew it we were on the lawns looking back towards the rear of Buckingham Palace.

We were free to wander around the gardens at will (40 acres in total), and took every opportunity to view the lake and rose gardens. We were impressed with a marble vase that is as tall as a house. It was originally made for Napoleon and was given to Edward VII in 1903 to commemorate the victory at Waterloo.

On the lawn there was a Royal Tent, a main tea tent and one reserved for the Diplomatic Corps. Tea was served from 3:30pm and the Yeoman of the Guard formed lines to receive the Royal Family at 4:00pm. Like clockwork, the National Anthem signalled the arrival of the Royal party. The party comprised The Queen, Prince Phillip, Prince Charles, Duchess of Cornwall and the Duke and Duchess of Kent. The party was escorted throughout by an entourage of men in top hat and tails, each wearing a carnation and responsible for orchestrating the proceedings.

After talking to pre selected groups, the Royal Party took tea in the Royal tent. We had taken a seat overlooking the tent and sat just a few yards away. At 5:50pm (on the dot!), the Royal party returned to the palace, passing a few feet away from our location.

Departing through the main gate was something else, particularly being photographed by a throng of visitors peering through the fence. Although we were not allowed to take cameras in, everybody captured those final moments on mobile phones.

This was truly a memorable day, the like of which could only happen in Britain and although there were hundreds of guests we did feel special and privileged to have been part of such a wonderful day.

As we finished the evening with a meal in Covent Garden we reflected on what was a perfect day, put the hat away in the bag and made our way back to Suffolk.

Fancy a game of Petanque?

Despite the best efforts of our good old British weather, a decent sized turnout arrived at The Greyhound on Sunday August 17th to try their hand at petanque, the new proposed activity for the pub. A host of other interested persons were also on hand to watch proceedings as the demonstration unfolded. Within ten minutes or so, the majority of attendees were already launching their boule up and down the terrain. The terrain was basically the pubs car park that had been prepared up to an hour beforehand with an amount of raking to remove some of the deep areas of gravel but had exposed the underlying pools of water caused by the wet weather earlier in the morning.

However, undaunted, everyone went about listening and taking heed of the advice and coaching provided by members of the Suffolk Coastal Petanque League. Over the course of the next two hours several matches were completed with a little bit of neighbourhood rivalry coming into play, as nearly all the people playing were local to Pettistree and Wickham Market. The morning brightened up with the sunshine making a welcome appearance, helping in drying out the wetter parts of the playing area.

Many mentions were made of people who couldn't make it but would have liked to, suggesting that the turnout might have even be double that to what was witnessed. Hopefully the ones who did manage to play will tell those that didnt and things will 'snowball' from there. The landlord of The Greyhound, Mr Paul Whayman, has signalled his intent to trying to raise several 4-person teams to enter next years Suffolk Coastal Petanque League, but with the hope that a few friendly matches could be played before the end of this season. The Coastal League is divided into Northern and Southern sections (to cut down on travelling for all teams involved) and any team at the Greyhound, would potentially be grouped along with existing teams located at Aldeburgh, Melton, Bealings, Hollesley & Playford. Matches are played around once every three weeks so that there isn't a huge commitment on anybodys time and matches are (normally) played on a Sunday morning lasting around no longer than about two hours (again not impinging too much on peoples precious time).

The proposed playing area at The Greyhound has the approval of the Suffolk Coastal Petanque League and as such, has been selected to be the neutral venue for the Leagues End of Season Play-Offs on Sunday September 14th 2008. The Play-Off matches will start at 12pm with the Grand Final expected to start at around 2pm start and all are invited to watch and spectate. The League will be hosting its Presentations at the end of this event and existing League members are being invited to stay behind and, providing there is enough local interest, mix in with locals giving them a further opportunity to try the sport.

For further information either contact Paul Whayman at The Greyhound and get your name down on the 'interested' list or alternatively you can contact Simon Fletcher, Suffolk Coastal Petanque League Co-Ordinator on his e-mail at imogenlewiskira@sky.com

Free Electric Blanket Testing

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| Sep 29 th | St Felix Church Hall, Gainsborough Rd FELIXSTOWE |
| Oct 1 st | Community Hall (Richards Room), Old Felixstowe Rd MARTLESHAM |
| Oct 3rd | Endeavour House Russell Rd, IPSWICH |
| Oct 10 th | Lorraine Victory Lane BRAMFORD |

Please call 01473 260586 for a appointment after the 1st August

Services St Peter & St Paul's Church

Sunday October 5th at 6.30 pm. Harvest festival Evensong Sunday October 5th at 6.30 pm. This will be followed by an Auction of Harvest gifts in The Greyhound by invitation of the Landlord. We think this is a 1st for Pettistree so please support this event; all proceeds will be for an agricultural charity. (Suggestions please to Maggie Hallett)

November 9th Remembrance Sunday The traditional service for the Benefice is at All Saints Church, Wickham Market at 10.30 am with the British Legion. The Pettistree Commemoration and Wreath-laying is on **Remembrance Day Tuesday November 11th at 10.50 am.**

Monthly week-day communion is held on the 3rd Friday of every month at 10.30 am, this service is designed to have a quieter more contemplative style than the main Sunday service, and is proving to be a popular and helpful addition to the regular services held in Pettistree. Following the service the congregation adjourn to The Greyhound for coffee, cake and 'communication'

Maggie Hallett

Pettistree Carpet Bowls

The season for carpet bowls is approaching and as Pettistree struggled to get a team together we are requesting **new volunteers to come and join us at the village hall starting on Thursday 2nd October 2008.** It is very friendly, easy to learn and we are far from experts and we just enjoy having a laugh. We get involved with the villages of Ufford and Dallinghoo for friendly matches and those who have taken part have had a really good time.

Please contact Mike Sayer on 01394 460639 if you would like more information or are prepared to give it a go, we look forward to hearing from you.

Plea from the Editors

Please **watch and note** the date of the deadline on the front of every copy and let us have your contributions, preferably **Times New Roman Size 12.**

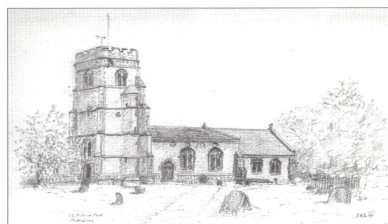
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Need to say thankyou...
send a last minute birthday card..
or just write a short note...?

Why not use a card of Pettistree Church?

A pencil sketch on an ivory background with matching envelope.



Notelets 5 for £2.50, singles 60p

Postcards 30p each (no envelope)

Contact **Mary Garner 746097**

All proceeds to Church Funds

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Pettistree Web Site

www.pettistree.suffolk.gov.uk

Useful people to contact

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Churchwardens	Brian Nobbs	01728746590
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